What do you want to write about?

This doesn’t have to be your final choice of topic. It’s a place to start.

Concept Cloud
Write down anything related to your main idea. Anything! Everything! (Use Wikipedia for help here).

Keywords/Preliminary search terms:
Choose 2-4 keywords that might go together.

Research question:

Remember: Your research question will be answered by your thesis statement and related to the evidence you locate in your sources.

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